



PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Examiner:
Denis A. Brosnan	)	Tima M. McGuthry-Banks
Serial No.: 09/033,827	)	Group Art Unit: 1742
Filed: March 3, 1998	)	Deposit Account No.: 04-1403
Title: Process for	)	
Separating Hazardous	)	
Metals from Waste	)	
Materials During	)	
Vitrification	)	

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 1, 1999  
please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 15 and 21-23.

Please amend claims 1, 10, 11, 13, 16 and 20 as follows:

1. (Amended) A process for separating metals from solid  
wastes comprising the steps of:

providing a hazardous waste material containing at  
least one volatile metal [metals] and at least one glass forming  
substance;

heating said waste material in a direct contact radiant  
heating device to at least the fusion temperature of said at

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